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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraph beginning on line ⁴3 of page 1 as follows:

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The present invention relates to a lanolin free absorption base[[,]] and, in particular to an absorption base that comprises white petrolatum and a superior, lanolin free emulsifier, glucose based emulsifier such as methyl glucose dioleate. The absorption base can be combined with a preservative system[[,]] and further diluted with water if desired. Other components can be added to the base as typically employed in the field of cosmetics.

Amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 1 as follows:

This invention relates generally to the field of cosmetics or cosmoceuticals and more specifically to a composition of matter comprising a lanolin free absorption base. An absorption base is a combination of specially selected ingredients, which must meet a number of criteria. They must first provide for the efficient emulsification of petrolatum and any subsequent addition of up to an equal amount of water to result in an elegant pharmaceutical or cosmetic base product to be used alone or in combination with other ingredients. They must be safe and have wide consumer acceptance.

Amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 1 as follows:

An absorption base must first provide for the efficient emulsification of petrolatum (HLB 4) by an emulsifier. When there are large differences between the HLB for the petrolatum and the HLB of [[for]] the emulsifier larger amounts of an inferior emulsifier such as wool wax alcohols derived from lanolin are need and which may also ~~are required and may~~ necessitate the addition of stabilizing ingredients such as ceresin and or mineral oil ~~(wool wax alcohols as an emulsifier with HLB 8 is present in high concentrations).~~

Amend the paragraph beginning on line ⁷16 of page 2 as follows:

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It would seem obvious that the introduction of a new line of products derived from a more scientifically advanced approach to absorption bases is well overdue. The currently available analogous commercial products rely upon a cholesterolized lanolin, also known as wool-wax alcohols (the most highly fractionated and allergenic component of lanolin) as the emulsifier